

CABINET

14 JULY 2015

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

Present:

Chair: * Councillor David Perry

Councillors:

* Sue Anderson	* Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown	† Kiran Ramchandani
* Keith Ferry	* Sachin Shah
* Glen Hearnden	* Anne Whitehead
* Graham Henson	

In attendance:

Richard Almond	Minute 219
Manjibhai Kara	Minute 218
Chris Mote	Minute 219
Janet Mote	Minute 219

* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

216. Apologies for Absence

Received from Councillor Kiran Ramchandani, Portfolio Holder for Performance, Corporate Resources and Policy Development.

217. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 5 – Councillor Question 8

Councillor Jean Lammiman declared a non pecuniary interest in that she was Chair of Governors of Shaftesbury School which had taken children's books from the libraries that had closed. She would remain in the room to listen to the response to question 8.

Agenda Item 12 – Harrow School Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Consultation Outcomes and Proposed Version for Adoption

Councillor Glen Hearnden declared a pecuniary interest in that he rented a business premises on Harrow on the Hill for which the freeholder was Harrow School. He would leave the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Councillor Anne Whitehead declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was Chair of Harrow Law Centre and a member of John Lyon Trust which was part of Harrow on the Hill Organisation Trust and that they received a grant. She would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

218. Petitions

To note that the following petitions had been received:

1. **Petition: Objection to P/2163/15 – Townsend House and Eaton House, 152-147 Northolt Road**

On behalf of Stanley Road and Sherwood Road residents, Councillor Graham Henson presented a petition with 71 signatures, with the following terms of reference:

“A development of up to ten storeys high is wholly unacceptable. Excessive height will overshadow existing homes and adversely impact local residents.

Proposal of 123 flats is far too dense. The layout and design is overcrowded. Infrastructure including sewers and drainage is of great concern.

A fatal gas blast in May 2008 next to this site raised issues of old pipe work. The safety of existing residents is paramount.

There are well documented traffic flow, noise, pollution and parking issues in Stanley Road during large events at DLC in Brember Road (opened July 2014). Access here still needs to be addressed.

Another large community centre has been proposed: P/1617/14/4685 Unit 8 Brember Road. This is currently at appeal stage with The Planning Inspectorate.

101 flats in adjacent Bovis House have been converted and are ready for occupation. Developers there felled trees which were a valuable screen in Stanley Road.

180 flats at Bridge Court Stanley Road have regular occurrences of ASB. Police can verify that experience of this has caused deterioration to this community.

Peaceful residence is under threat in Stanley Road. The location is already at full capacity.

Reject this application.

We strongly object to the proposal.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise for consideration.

2. **Petitions: SPD Document – Harrow School – Zone B – Harrow Hill Golf Course & Sarah’s Café**

Sarah Bishop presented a further 604 signatures to the petitions previously submitted to the Environment and Enterprise Directorate. She re-submitted the previous petitions, containing 1,700 signatures in hard copy and 1,200 online signatures, with the following terms of reference:

“Save our Metropolitan Open Space and Nature Conservation Area at Harrow Hill Golf Course”,

and

“We, the local community, residents and businesses of Harrow, petition Harrow Council to prevent coach park and all weather pitches being built by Harrow School on the land at Harrow Hill Golf Course. We are very concerned about the loss of this Metropolitan Open Space, Area of Special Character and Nature Conservation Area; as well as transport issues on Kenton Road and potential flooding on Watford/Kenton Roads. We insist that you keep this Metropolitan Open Space as it is, for ALL the local community to enjoy.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be considered with the report at agenda item 12 ‘Harrow School Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation Outcomes and Proposed Version for Adoption’.

3. **Petition: For the Belmont Circle Businesses**

Councillor Manji Kara submitted a petition on behalf of a local resident, Dipesh Patel, containing a further 1,300 plus signatures in addition to the 1,300 already submitted, with the following terms of reference:

“We refer to one of the Corporate Priorities for 2015/19 of Harrow Council – **“Making a difference for local business”** and we hope, by that, you meant better! Harrow Council recently implemented a parking and traffic management plan for Belmont Circle Area as approved at the TARSAP meeting on 10 December 2014.

As a result of the scheme, especially introduction of double yellow lines, a good number of available parking spaces have been removed and parking displaced. This has resulted in shoppers not being able to park and continue to bring business to the area. We can categorically confirm that this has resulted in substantial drop in business to the detriment of the sustainability of once flourishing business.

We, the business owners along with our valued customers, urge the Harrow Council to urgently review the scheme and revert the implementation of at least the restrictive double lines. If the double lines were introduced for safety measure, we would like the council to produce evidence of any accidents in recent years.

We welcome the full support of our ward councilors in this matter.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise and, in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, to Council.

219. Questions

Such public and Councillor questions as were received were responded to and any recording placed on the Council's website. Public questioner 5 was not present at the meeting and a written response would be sent to her and placed on the Council's website. Councillor questions 9-14 were not reached at Cabinet and the Councillor would be provided with written responses which would also be placed on the Council's website.

220. Key Decision Schedule - July to September 2015

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the Key Decision Schedule.

221. Progress on Scrutiny Projects

RESOLVED: To note the progress made on scrutiny projects.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

222. Property Purchase Initiative to increase the supply of good quality Temporary Accommodation

Having considered the confidential appendix, it was

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That an addition of a total of £30m to the Capital Programme be approved to enable the Council to proceed with the purchase and repair of properties, as set out in resolution 1 below; an initial spend profile to assume a spend of £7.5m in 2015-16, £15m in 2016-17 and the final £7.5m in 2017-18, though this might vary depending on how quickly appropriate properties could be sourced.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Divisional Director of Housing Services, following consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s), be authorised to acquire up to 100 properties on the open market for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation, at a maximum cost of £30m to include the purchase

price, with all costs associated with the acquisition and initial repairs and refurbishment as set out in the report; the current assumption being that these properties would be held outside of the Council in a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) that would be set up to hold investment property on behalf of the Council; with the intention that the LLP would purchase the properties directly, but in the event of any delay in establishing the LLP, it was anticipated that the Council would proceed with the purchase of appropriate properties on the basis that they would then be transferred into the ownership of the LLP once established;

- (2) as set out in the report, the transfer of the properties under the initiative to the LLP was assumed to be financed entirely by partnership capital, with 95% being funded by Council, with the balance being funded by the holding company set up to deliver the Council's trading activities; and therefore the Interim Director of Finance, following consultation with the Finance and Major Contracts Portfolio Holder, be authorised to invest an amount not exceeding £30m in the LLP, with 95% of this being assumed to be partnership capital from the Council, and 5% assumed to be partnership capital of the Holding company;
- (3) the Divisional Director of Housing Services, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, be authorised to acquire properties at a premium, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, above the price set out in the valuation report to enable flexibility in negotiation of price in a rising housing market provided the overall costs of acquiring the 100 properties were contained within the maximum authorised cost of £30m;
- (4) it be noted that the indicative cash flows produced by the Business Model attached at Appendix 1 to the report, which currently showed that the LLP was likely to generate annual profits the majority of which (95% under the current proposal) would be attributable to the Council and therefore be exempt from corporation tax; the 5% proportion attributable to the Holding company would be income that would be subject to corporation tax;
- (5) the Divisional Director of Housing Services, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources, and following consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s), be authorised to determine the most efficient way to manage the property acquisition programme and invite and evaluate tenders and award contracts for any services, including repairs and maintenance contracts, necessary for the programme within the agreed budget;
- (6) the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise, following consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s), be authorised to transfer the freehold of 33 Whitefriars Avenue from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account for the consideration of £275,000.

Reason for Decision: To enable a Property Acquisition Programme to provide good quality temporary accommodation to be progressed and start to deliver Bed and Breakfast savings as soon as possible.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

[Call-in does not apply to the Recommendation, as the decision is reserved to Council.]

223. Treasury Management Outturn 2014/15

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the proposed revised Counterparty Policy, as described in Appendix 6 to the report, be approved.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the outturn position for treasury management activities for 2014/15 be noted;
- (2) the report be referred to the Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee for review;
- (3) paragraph 32 of the report be noted, including that officers would investigate new investment opportunities for consideration by Cabinet and Council.

Reason for Decision: To promote effective financial management and comply with the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) Regulations 2003 and other relevant guidance. To be availed of treasury management activities and performance.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

[Call-in does not apply to the Recommendation, as the decision is reserved to Council.]

224. Community Safety Strategy

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Community Safety Strategy be adopted.

Reason for Decision: To comply with statutory requirements.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

[Call-in does not apply to the Recommendation, as the decision is reserved to Council.]

RESOLVED ITEMS

225. Award of Contracts to deliver Housing Capital Programme

Having considered the confidential appendix, it was

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the tendering exercise for the Northolt Road Enveloping Scheme be noted;
- (2) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, be authorised to award the contract, subject to the results of the consultation, in accordance with Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985.

Reason for Decision: To allow officers to proceed with the award of the contract.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

226. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan update 2015

RESOLVED: That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan update 2015 be approved.

Reason for Decision: To put in place an agreed 30 year HRA Business Plan for the purposes of long term planning (subject to annual review) and to enable delivery of previously agreed key housing objectives.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

227. School Expansion Programme

RESOLVED: That the update on the implementation of the School Expansion Programme and the School Roll Projections 2016-2024 Report be noted.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its statutory duties to provide sufficient school places in its area.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

[Call-in does not apply to decisions that have been noted]

228. Harrow School Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - consultation outcomes and proposed version for adoption

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the petition submitted in hard copy and online, in relation to land currently occupied by the Harrow Hill Golf Club, received in response to the consultation on the draft SPD, be noted;
- (2) the representations received in response to the consultation on the draft SPD and the Council's responses to these, set out in appendices A and B to the report, be noted;
- (3) the revised Harrow School SPD, attached at Appendix C to the report, including the deletion of the proposals for all-weather pitches and coach parking on land currently occupied by Harrow Hill Golf Club, which directly responded to the petition received, be adopted;
- (4) authority be delegated to the Divisional Director of Regeneration and Planning, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration, to make typographical corrections and any other necessary non-material amendments to the Harrow School SPD prior to formal publication of the SPD.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the SPD afforded weight as a material planning consideration and secured the principle of development for Harrow School's future needs, whilst preserving the special character, heritage and amenity of Harrow Hill in line with the adopted Local Plan's Site Allocation for the School.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

229. Selective Licensing of private rented accommodation in Edgware Ward

RESOLVED: That

- (1) having considered the evidence, consultation responses and other information forming part of the report, Edgware Ward, as delineated and edged in red on the map at appendix D to the report, be designated as being subject to Selective Licensing from 1 November 2015 for a period of five years;

- (2) the Council accept applications for Selective Licensing from 1 September 2015, in anticipation of the Scheme coming into effect on 1 November 2015;
- (3) a fee for a licence under this Scheme be set at £550 for the 5-year licensing period;
- (4) the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety, be authorised to take all steps necessary to publicise, commence and administer the scheme including the issuing and amending of licences;
- (5) the Selective Licensing Scheme and the operation of the designation be reviewed annually;
- (6) the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety, be authorised to amend and approve discretionary licensing conditions.

Reason for Decision: To address issues of anti-social behaviour in the Edgware Ward, in line with the Corporate Priorities of making a difference to residents, community, businesses and the vulnerable.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

230. 2015-16 to 2018-19 Medium Term Financial Strategy Progress Update

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress on achieving the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) savings as at period 2, end of May 2015, be noted;
- (2) the re-profiling of the Street Lighting Capital Programme, detailed in paragraph 2.1 to the report, be approved;
- (3) the additions to the Capital Programme of Section 106 funding, detailed in paragraph 2.2 to the report, be approved;
- (4) the position on the School Expansion Programme, set out in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.9 of the report, and the virements approved under delegated authority at paragraph 2.9 and 2.10 of the same report, be noted;
- (5) the additions to the Capital Programme of Housing General Fund grant funding, detailed in paragraphs 2.15 and 2.16 to the report, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To note the progress made in achieving the MTFS savings agreed at February 2015 Council. To realign the Schools and Street lighting capital budgets and to add in additional spend on Housing and Environment capital schemes funded by grant and Section 106 contributions.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

231. 2016/17 to 2019/20 Budget Planning Process Update

The Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise made a correction to page 572 of the report in relation to paragraph 1.24 and the reference to the EqIA 'E01 – Cessation of subsidy to Metropolitan Police' and reported that there would be a negative impact of the saving which was being mitigated, however not through sharing a post with another borough.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the £52.4m estimated budget gap for the three year period 2016/17 to 2018/19, paragraph 1.7 of the report refers, be noted;
- (2) the £28.2m indicative savings target for 2016/17 and the potential implication for Council services if this were proportionately allocated across Directorates, paragraph 1.14 of the report refers, be noted;
- (3) officers undertake a budget process that would deliver options to the Executive to meet the £52.4m estimated budget gap, paragraph 1.45 of the report refers;
- (4) savings of £2.468m in-year (2015/16) with the budget being vired, £1m each to reserves for Welfare Reform/ Homelessness and for Commercialisation and £0.468m to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) implementation reserve, appendix 1 to the report refers, be approved;
- (5) the relevant Corporate Director, following consultation with the respective Portfolio Holder(s), be authorised to take the decision on the proposals to progress delivery of savings from 2016/17, to launch any service specific consultations that were required in order to inform future decisions and to report back to Cabinet for a decision on which proposals should be agreed, subject to consultation, paragraph 2.5 of the report refers.

Reason for Decision: To ensure a robust process to deliver savings to meet the budget gap of £52.4m across the three years to 2018/19, and that the budget planning process and subsequent decisions were informed by appropriate consultation and equality impact assessments. To ensure that in-year (2015/16) savings of £2.468m were approved for immediate effect.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

232. Charges for the Provision of Helpline and Telecare Services

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the analysis, results and comments of the consultation process undertaken be noted;
- (2) having given due regard to the equality implications set out in paragraph 2.12 of the report, the following be agreed:
 - a) a price increase for the provision of the Helpline Service for Harrow Council residents that they pay their charges directly to the Council of £0.58 per week with effect from 1 October 2015;
 - b) the introduction of charges “at cost” for Telecare equipment from 1 October 2015, as set out in paragraphs 2.2.2 and 2.3 of the report.
- (3) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Performance, Corporate Resources and Policy Development and Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to review existing Helpline pricing arrangements and approve price changes for individual Helpline contracts with organisations and customers not subject to resolution 2(a) above.

Reason for Decision: To increase income generated from the provision of the discretionary services following a consultation process with the Helpline Service’s customers in relation to two potential price increase options of £0.48 per week and £0.58 per week. To reduce the cost of provision of the service following consultation which included a proposal to introduce charges (at cost) for the provision of Telecare equipment that was currently offered free of charge to Harrow Council residents.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

233. Revenues and Benefits Third Party Support - Award of Contract

Having considered the confidential appendix, it was

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the analysis and evaluation findings set out at Appendix 1 to the report be noted;

- (2) the appointment of Northgate Information Solutions UK Limited for the provision of Revenues and Benefits Third Party Support Services to enable contract documentation to be finalised expeditiously and to enable operational commencement from 1 November 2015 be approved;
- (3) the appointment for an initial term starting on 1 November 2015 and ending on 31 October 2020, therefore representing a period of five years of service provision, with an option, at the Council's discretion, to extend for one further year from the end of the initial term, be approved;
- (4) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Performance, Corporate Resources and Policy Development and Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to finalise any outstanding contractual matters;
- (5) the Director of Legal and Governance Services seal the contract on the Council's behalf when the contract documentation had been prepared.

Reason for Decision: Cabinet approved the procurement of the Revenues and Benefits Third Party Support Service on 11 December 2014 with a view to establishing an operational commencement date of 1 November 2015.

Following the completion of a restricted tender procedure, an analysis and evaluation of each bidder's tender was undertaken. Based upon these results, the resolutions above were approved,

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

234. Expansion of HB Public Law

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Aylesbury Vale District Council's decision to ask HB Public Law to discharge its legal function be welcomed;
- (2) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with Portfolio Holders for Performance, Corporate Resources and Policy Development and Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to execute an agreement with Aylesbury Vale District Council underpinning the relationship, and to make any necessary amendments to other agreements.

Reason for Decision: To support HB Public Law delivering a cost effective and high quality legal service and in its plans for growth.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

235. Consultation Standards

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Consultation Standards set out in paragraph 3.18 and the Residents' Rights set out in paragraph 3.24 of the report be approved and that all Portfolio Holders ensure that consultations in their respective areas met these Standards before they go into the public domain;
- (2) the governance approach for the management of consultations, outlined in section 3 of the report, be endorsed.

Reason for Decision: To set out the importance of consultation and engagement with local residents and communities. To improve the consistency of Council consultations so that residents always had the chance to influence what happened in their local area.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

236. Annual Procurement Report 2014-2015

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the professional support from the Commercial, Contracts and Procurement Division in 2014-2015 that contributed to the key Council objectives of savings, commercial, social value and compliance be noted;
- (2) the programme of commercial and procurement work for 2015-2016 be noted.

Reason for Decision: To be availed of the work carried out during 2014/15 by the Contracts, Commercial and Procurement Division and the key work programme for 2015/16.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

[Call-in does not apply to decisions that have been noted.]

237. Trading Company Structures

Having considered the confidential appendices, it was

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to approve the business case for HoldCo;
- (2) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration, Housing Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to approve the business case for the PLA (Private Lettings Agency) presented to June 2014 Cabinet;
- (3) the Legal advice and recommendation set out in the confidential appendices 1, 8 and 9 be noted;
- (4) the Financial advice and recommendation set out in confidential appendix 7 be noted;
- (5) the legal creation of a holding company (HoldCo) and a subsidiary company, PLA, be approved;
- (6) the legal creation of a Limited Liability Partnership for the HDV (Housing Delivery Vehicle) be approved;
- (7) the Articles, appendix 3 refers, Shareholders' Agreement including the associated Reserved Matters, appendix 2 refers, for the holding company be approved;
- (8) the Articles, appendix 5 refers, the Shareholders' Agreement including the associated Reserved Matters, appendix 4 refers, for the PLA subsidiary company be approved;
- (9) the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Membership Agreement, appendix 6 refers, including the associated Reserved Matters be approved;
- (10) the structure of the Board of Directors for the holding company be agreed;
- (11) the structure of the Board of Directors for the PLA subsidiary company be agreed;
- (12) the structure of the Management Board for the HDV LLP be agreed;
- (13) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and the Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to appoint the Directors in the Shareholder Agreements and to make minor changes within the Articles of Association and Shareholder Agreements as necessary;

- (14) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to appoint representatives to the partnership board of the LLP and make any minor changes within the LLP Membership Agreement as necessary;
- (15) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to determine the HoldCo, LLP and subsidiary company names;
- (16) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to agree the Remuneration and Redundancy policies that will be followed by the Holding Company, the LLP and any other subsidiary companies;
- (17) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to approve the first year business plans for Hold Co, the subsidiary company and the LLP.
- (18) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to consider and execute a supply agreement between Harrow Council and the corporate vehicles as necessary and as consistent with the approved business plans;
- (19) the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Business, Planning and Regeneration and for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to take any other actions that are required to establish the corporate vehicles described in this report and to enable them to commence trading activities.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Council to trade on commercial terms with other organisations in respect of the PLA. The creation of a Limited Liability Partnership would enable the Council to hold the proposed property assets in a financially advantageous structure. To note that advice on the proposed structures had been received from Bevan Brittan (Legal) and Deloitte (Tax and Finance) and, in agreeing the resolutions above, their advice had been taken on board.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

238. Strategic Performance Report - Quarter 4, 2014/15

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and Portfolio Holders continue working with officers to achieve improvement against identified key challenges.

Reason for Decision: To be availed of performances against key measures and identify and assign corrective action where necessary.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

239. Brian Wilson, Civic Centre Operations Manager

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Leader of the Council, Councillor David Perry, proposed a 'Vote of Thanks' to Brian Wilson, the Council's Civic Centre Operation Manager, who would be leaving the Council after many years of service and wished him well for the future.

Councillors Richard Almond and Chris Mote of the Conservative Group joined the Leader in thanking Brian for his splendid work and the 'welcome' he had provided to new Councillors, including the support given at various ceremonial events held by the Council.

A former Harrow Councillor present at the meeting also thanked Brian for the support provided during her time as a Councillor.

Members and officers applauded and wished Brian well for the future.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 9.13 pm).

Proper Officer

Publication of decisions:	15 July 2015
Deadline for Call-in:	5.00 pm on 22 July 2015 (Please note that Call-in does not apply to all decisions). To call-in a decision please contact: Vishal Seegoolam on 020 8424 1883 or email: vishal.seegoolam@harrow.gov.uk Alison Atherton on 020 8424 1266 or email alison.atherton@harrow.gov.uk
Decisions may be implemented if not Called-in on:	23 July 2015